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## **Division of Pretrial Detention and Services Victims' Rights Program**

***Tomorrow, Thursday, April 26 from 10-Noon  
at Central Booking and Intake lobby on Madison St. at Fallsway***

TOWSON, MD (April 25, 2007)---A Baltimore television photojournalist whose mother was murdered; a woman who has met and forgiven her elderly mother's killer; and a man who was left for dead by a shooter and now leads the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board will highlight tomorrow's Victims' Rights Week program in the lobby of Central Booking at Madison Street and Fallsway in Baltimore. The event has been organized by the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, the state public safety agency that includes Baltimore's Central Booking and Intake and men's and women's detention centers.

### **Program Highlights:**

- ***Photojournalist Peter O'Neal*** spent decades recording Baltimore's soaring homicide rate. Then, his own mother was killed in a robbery. His is a stirring story of how, suddenly, he was no longer seeing crime only through the eye of the camera.
- ***Madeline Herrington's*** mother was killed three days before her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Madeline worked through her grief to meet and forgive the killer.
- When ***Robin Woolford*** was a teenager, a robber shot him at an Annapolis dry cleaning store. Left for dead, Robin was not expected to live through the night; doctors told his parents he would never walk again. Today, Robin annually helps hundreds of crime victims recover millions of dollars in lost wages, funeral expenses, etc., as head of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

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The Division of Pretrial Detention and Services is responsible for one of the busiest metropolitan booking centers in the nation (Central Booking), and on any given day houses more than four thousand men and women who are awaiting trial in Baltimore City. The Division is also responsible for pretrial services for more than one hundred juveniles who have been charged as adults with serious crimes.

The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS), parent agency of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, is committed to victims at all levels of the system.

<b>What:</b>	<b>Victims' Rights Week Program</b>
<b>When:</b>	<b>TOMORROW, April 26 10-noon</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center at Madison and Fallsway</b>

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